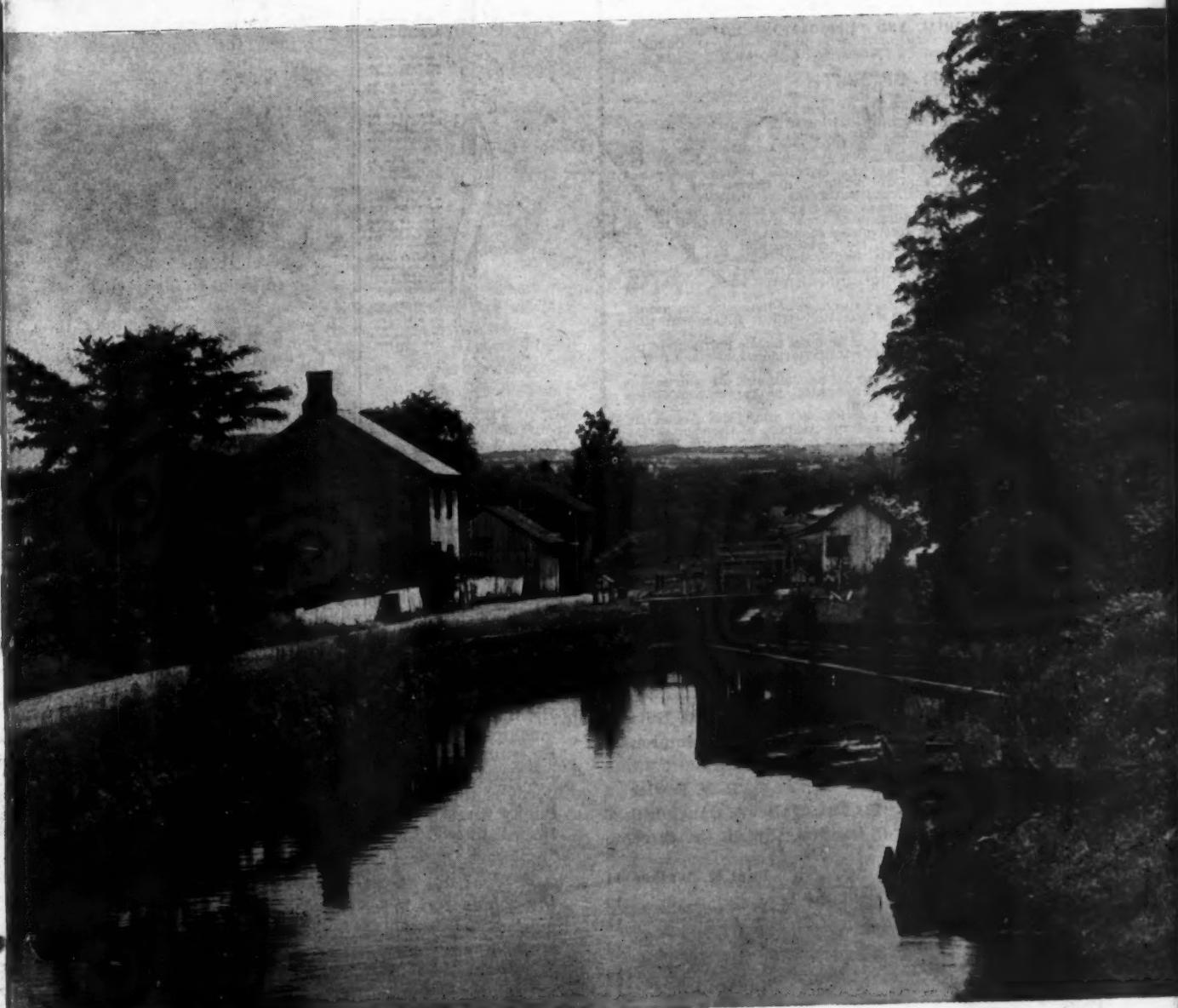


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Blessings from the Mount...

by Harry O. Kutz

"Blessed are they that hunger and thirst . . ."

S MACLAREN points out, this is a benediction upon those who long for but who have not attained the righteousness of God. This comes after and is the result of the previous characteristics Jesus has described. There must be the poverty of spirit in recognizing our own insufficiency and a mourning of the soul after the revelation which leads us to meekly bowing ourselves to the Supreme Will. After the emptying comes the new filling. As long as one feels he is full, there is no hunger. No one will work and study to learn as long as he feels he already knows. It is the joy of a teacher to watch the arrogance fade from the student as he really sees how much he does not know.

Herein lies the danger. Look at the Church today. We say we are full. Full of what?

Mostly machinery, all kinds of it. As E. M. Bounds so aptly says, "God does not anoint plans; He does not bless machinery; he anoints men. He blesses MEN." Surely God needs no more churches. Nor does He need more plans in the churches. Plans there are aplenty. What God needs is human beings into whom He can pour His Spirit that through them the world can be blessed.

The promise of this verse is in the positive sense. They shall be filled. How much of the praying today is done in the sense that God has to be begged into pouring out of His Spirit; that His blessings have to be earned with so much pittance. Let us look again into the heart of God as He really is. He says He will withhold no good thing from us; that it is His pleasure to give us the kingdom. All He needs is to find a hungry soul that is athirst for Him. Empty yourself of all else and come humbly to Him, and He will fill you to your satisfaction.

A right act strikes a chord that extends through the whole universe, touches all moral intelligence, visits every world, vibrates along its whole extent, and conveys its vibrations to the very bosom of God.
—T. Binney.

Try Me

BY DR. A. B. SIMPSON

"All things work together for good to them that love God," Romans 8:28.

EVERY MOMENT the great Refiner is waiting to add some new touch to your strength and beauty, and fit you for a high place in His eternal life. We are so prone to think that these things that come to us are accidents, incidents, mishaps, or personal injuries from personal hands. But after a while we learn that His hand is above every other hand, His love above every hateful blow. You get up in the morning and find everything wrong in the kitchen and dining room, and you say, "Oh, it is that cook; it is that wretched stove." Oh no; it is the Lord trying you and proving you. You come down to business and find things wrong in your store and you say, "Oh, it is that careless janitor." No, it is the Lord trying and proving you. You open your mail expecting a check according to promise from some person. It is not there. You say, "Oh, it is this dishonest and unprincipled man." No, it is the Lord trying and proving your faith. You meet with a friend, the very one that you look to for help and comfort, and something happens to try you more keenly, and everything in your life seems to become a source of annoyance.

You say, "Oh, it is the inconsiderateness of others." No, it is the Lord showing you something in you that is wrong, and that He wants to have buried away.

God tries us, proves us, and establishes us. It is not by a very quick process. "He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver." He sits down to His work; He takes plenty of time. He will wait years with you over a single lesson, if you make Him to do so, or He will get you through it at once, if you are willing to take the quicker process and the hotter fire.

How touching is the love that will take so much trouble with all these little matters. No wonder that Job should say, "Lord, what is man that thou shouldest magnify him? And that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him? And that thou shouldest visit him every morning and try him every moment?"

And so He comes to you every moment, as Job says, from morning to night. If you would understand life as He does, you would see nothing but God; and as you meet Him in everything, you would see nothing but God's ever presence, and every unfriendly blow be warded off. Against every fiery dart you would have a shield of faith that nothing can pierce, and out of every storm you would shout with the great apostle, "None of these things move me." Beloved, they will come until they don't move you. "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake." Phil. 1:29. "That He might present to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish." Eph. 5:27. "Not as though I had already attained . . . I press toward the mark." Phil. 3:12-14.

To cultivate a sense of the beautiful is one of the most effectual ways of cultivating an appreciation of the divine goodness.—C. N. Bovee.

An Experiment in Family Prayer

ROWLAND HILL, the famous preacher, was once driven by a storm of rain into a village inn; and compelled to spend the night there. When it grew late, the landlord sent a request by the waiter that the guest would go to bed. Mr. Hill replied, "I have been waiting a long time, expecting to be called to family prayer." "Family prayer! I don't know what you mean, sir; we never have such a thing here." "Indeed; then tell your master I cannot go to bed until we have had a family prayer." The waiter informed his master, who, in great consternation, bounced into the room occupied by the faithful minister, and said, "Sir, I wish you would go to bed. I must see all the lights out; I am so afraid of fire." "So am I," was the reply; "but I have been expecting to be called to family prayer." "All very good, sir; but it cannot be done at an inn." "Indeed! then pray get me my horse. I cannot go to sleep in a house where there is no family prayer." The host preferred to dismiss his prejudice rather than his guest, and said, "I have no objection to have prayer; but I don't know how." "Well, then, call in the family and servants and let us see what can be done." The landlord obeyed, and in a few minutes the astonished domestics were on their knees, and the landlord called upon to pray. "Sir, I never prayed in my life. I don't know how." "Ask God to teach you," was the gentle reply. The landlord, folding his hands, said, "God, teach us how to pray." "That is prayer, my friend," cried Mr. Hill, joyfully, "go on." "I am sure I don't know what to say now, sir." "Yes, you do; God has taught you how to pray; now thank Him for it." "Thank you, God Almighty, for letting us pray to you." "Amen! Amen!" exclaimed Rowland Hill, and then offered prayer himself. Two years afterwards, Mr. Hill found in that same village a chapel and a school, as a result of the first effort of family prayer at the "Black Lion."

Nature forever puts a premium on reality. What is done for effect, is seen to be done for effect; what is done for love is felt to be done for love.

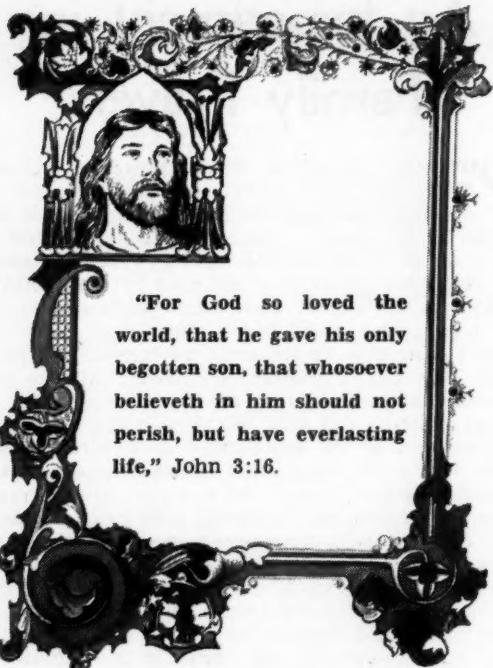
PRAY FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE

It is easier for God to do a difficult thing than an easy thing.

The very structure of His infinite nature is such that He lives in the realm of the supernatural, the omnipotent and the infinite.

When we ask Him for some easy and trifling thing there is always a danger of our mingling with our faith a certain amount of human reasoning and looking quite as much to second causes as to God. But when we come out into the clear light and the high altitude of the impossible then there is no place for anything but God, and He is untrammeled by our human reasonings and limiting unbeliefs.

—A. B. Simpson.



"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," John 3:16.

"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" Romans 8:32.

INTRODUCTION: If you think that God was PRETENDING to have love for man, look at the cross. Rebellion of free wills will never change God's plan. Adam's choice did not change God's judgments. After Adam's transgression, God said, "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." God, at the first, came down to create, and then, when the serpent overthrew His Creation, God came down to save.

The second Adam said, after his temptation in the synagogue at Nazareth, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...to preach the gospel to the poor...to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

The story of Jesus is the most amazing story of history. A peasant boy, born over 1,900 years ago in Bethlehem, He had no education to speak of. He never traveled one hundred miles from home. He cared nothing for money, popularity, or politics. He headed no popular reform. He grew up in an atmosphere of small things and worked at a carpenter's bench until He was thirty years of age. He preached three short years and incurred the ill will of the religious group, disappointed His followers, and was executed. This is the Man who has lifted the nations from darkness and changed the whole course of history.

God knew about the problems of our day, and the solution for these problems are in God's Son, the Christ of Calvary. The whole system of redemption and salvation, as given by the Bible, is based on the idea that man is sinful and needs redemption. The range of man's character is wide; it ranges from that of Judas to that of Jesus.

God Is Not

By H. V. Fowler, Pastor, Demorest, Ga.

Man's intellect, imagination, passion, and ambition seem infinite. There is infinite capacity for joy, loyalty, sincerity, gentleness, humility, courage, conviction, and godliness. On the other hand this same human being has the capacity for the deepest, darkest, nastiest, and most devastating sins against self, society, and God. The Bible is mindful of the sinfulness of man. "The flesh lusteth against the spirit, and the spirit against flesh." "When lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin, and sin when it is finished, bringeth forth death." Fools make a mock at sin. "Your iniquities have separated between you and your God." By one man's disobedience many were made sinners, and so by the obedience of one many shall be made righteous. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be like wool." The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin.

THE MIDDLE AGES had much to say about the seven great classic sins: pride, envy, anger, sloth (which is spiritual laziness, or lack of feeling), avarice (or insatiable covetousness), gluttony, and sensuality. Not much is said about these sins today. But the harm of sin goes on, whether we recognize it or not. In this streamlined age in which we live, we might add others to that catalogue of sins. One philosopher said our worst sins are policies without principles, wealth without works, pleasure without conscience, knowledge without character, industry without morality, science without humanity, and worship without sacrifice. This man understood life today. Effort has been made to find out what the sins of the Christians are. Maybe we could state it as follows: Over emphasis of a ritual, failure to communicate the gospel of Christ to the world. Then, so many live stiff, rigid, unadjusted lives. Mental and spiritual stubbornness cost the kingdom of God a great deal. We need to be alive. Life is so fatiguing, we become weary in well-doing. This is a great age. There is a great opportunity for the Church. The field is white, and the call is great, but our ears are dead to it. There are sights to dazzle our eyes, but we see not. Our deadness is a sin against the race and the age. The world is full of prodigals, and all of the prodigals are not in rags, either. Some of them live in palaces and attend nice churches. God was not pretending when He sent His Son into this old sin-laden world that the sons of Adam might have life and light in this present world. We can live victorious lives, for God's Son has subdued every foe of mankind, and is at the right hand of God to make intercession for us.

SIN HAD INTRODUCED DEATH, and man had become the serpent's slave. Death had to be abolished; God's claims had to be met. Could man alone do that? No. He could not assist God in the plan of redemption. The fall did not take God by surprise. He knew

Pretending

the end from the beginning and made provisions for man's redemption. John saw Him as a lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Calvary is older than Eden, and the plan of redemption precedes the fact of creation. Christ's death was not an accident but part of a system. Therefore, Calvary becomes the highest peak in history. Calvary becomes the meaning of all that God has done and planned. God was not to be defeated in a world that He created. He will, at any cost, have a people who will be complete in Christ. God, from all eternity, stood ready for the utmost sacrifice that human salvation demanded. It remains more than our hearts and understandings have ever comprehended or can comprehend. It is a sacrifice to satisfy all demands on us, and is God's way of saying, "Meet me here at Calvary." The drunkard has not to wait until he is cured nor thief until he is an honest man, before they can find salvation in the cross of Christ.

Never let it be declared that the only love seen on the cross is that of Jesus. The love of the Father is there, also. If there was a cross on Calvary there must have been a cross in the heart of God. It is not only the passion of Jesus on earth, but also the passion of God in heaven. The sin and pain and the need of the world mounted up and reached the very heart of God. We have the assurance that God not only beholds our sorrows, but shares them. God did not wait until men repented before He sent Christ. It was while we were yet sinners that Christ died for us. Christ is the very mind of God translating itself into man. He is the full and complete thought of God, expressing the very soul of God. "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." The Jews hated Christ and attempted to kill Him, because He made Himself equal with God, John 5:18. Their charge before Pilate, on which He was crucified, was that "by our law he ought to die, because he had made himself the Son of God," John 19:7. Christ is the miraculously conceived, virgin-born, pre-existent Son of God. Every lover of the Lord Jesus will hold fast to this doctrine, and call no man a brother in Christ who denies that Jesus is what He claimed to be, the very Son of God. Jesus declared Himself to be the Son of God, but He spent no time arguing about it. When Satan asked Him to show His supernatural power in the temptation, He refused.

He refused to work miracles before Herod. He hid His power from the scoffing Pharisees. After healing, He instructed the one healed not to make it known. It is not true that the miracles of Jesus were to prove that He was the Son of God. Christ put the emphasis on the fact that He was a man. He could have called Himself God, or the Son of God, but He called Himself the Son of Man. When Pilate said, "Behold the man," he was right—the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head.

We shall never know the love and mercy of God toward

the lost sons of Adam until we understand that Christ became flesh and dwelt among us as a man. When the Son of Man was baptized by John, the Spirit of God descended upon Him, His power for service to withstand Satan, and subdue the appetite of man. After the temptation in the wilderness, He returned to Nazareth and declared that the Spirit of the Lord was upon Him. He had anointed Him to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. Behold the MAN, the Man who reveals God. Man could not look on the face of God and live, but when Jesus came in human form, thousands thronged Him to hear the story of salvation to the lost sons of Adam. He preached good news about God. He walked unafraid in an unfriendly universe because He knew God so well. There were no doubts in Jesus. He had relationship with God. The lilies in their purity come from God. The birds are cared for by God. Daily bread comes from God. Nothing is too trivial for God's attention. He said, "Pray to thy Father in secret, and thy Father, who seeth in secret, will reward thee openly."

God sent His only begotten Son into the world, not because of what man possessed, not because of what he was, but because of what he could become. "As many as received him, to them he gave power to become the sons of God." Man was created in God's own image. The thing which encourages us to go on is that now and again men and women do achieve, right here on earth, some measure of God's expectation of us. Through the second Adam, many have been made righteous, or acquitted and declared righteous.

GOD GAVE ADAM AND EVE an existence on earth under the most favorable circumstances. The hills, the valleys, and the plains, which were covered with herds of cattle and flocks of sheep, were theirs. God saw everything that He had made for man, and, behold, it was very good. God made His first covenant with Adam. It included seven requirements which were: replenish the earth, subdue the earth, have dominion over the animal creation, partake of a vegetable diet only, till the soil in the garden, abstain from eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If they disobeyed, physical death would be their punishment. The result was that both Adam and Eve disobeyed God and were expelled from their kingdom.

After the fall of man, God's mercy was made manifest. He promised a Redeemer and revealed that He would be born of a woman and that He would defeat Satan and restore man's dominion, through the coming seed of the woman. Because man is created with a spiritual nature, God can lift the man who is bound in sin, even earth's saddest failure, by the way of the cross, to heaven's purity and heaven's glory.

Man can choose what course he desires to take. He can go forward and upward to a life of victory, a life in which he can have fellowship with God. When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, to redeem the fallen sons of Adam and restore His dominion.

This same Jesus shall come back in like manner, and establish a literal reign. Isaiah uses the exact words, "of the increase of his GOVERNMENT" and "the government

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SINCE GOD BROUGHT the word "appetite" to my mind, I think of the very important subject of fasting; it is too much neglected among children of God today. Some say they don't feel led to fast, while others say it is foolishness. Let's see if the Word teaches it, and if it pays. Esther and her maidens fasted three days (when she learned that Haman sought revenge upon the Jews and obtained a decree of the king to put them to death). Even the Jews fasted, and many lay in sack-cloth and ashes, which America should be doing today, for the Church is truly in danger. The result was, the king granted Esther's request to save her people, and in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, the Jews had rule over their enemies who hated them.

We do not hear the scriptures on fasting explained often. In Psalm 109:24 David said, "My knees are weak through fasting, and my flesh faileth of fatness"; "I humbled my soul with fasting." He was a man after God's own heart. Many people are sick and afflicted because they fail to fast and pray.

Jesus fasted forty days before He performed great miracles. Daniel fasted twenty-one days, and he alone saw

ings we miss because we keep our minds on earthly things and cares of this life! Proper eating and scriptural fasting is very essential to both physical and spiritual health.

BECAUSE iniquity abounds, the love of many has waxed cold. In The Songs of Solomon 8:6, the Church says to Christ, "Set me as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death, jealousy is cruel as the grave; the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame." Christ's new commandment is that "ye love one another as I have loved you. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to (show it, prove your own selves) another." If we are not careful, we will be so self-centered we will help others to backslide by not having love one to another. We can be

SPIRITUAL INVENTORY

BY MRS. WALTER A. DAUGHRILL

the vision. Paul suffered in fastings often. Jesus said fast in secret and we would be rewarded openly.

Jesus said, "Take heed to yourselves lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness and cares of this life, so that day come upon you unawares." "Surfeiting" means indulgence to excess, especially in eating or drinking. The way some of us eat, observers would think we only knew the scriptures. "If we are willing and obedient, we shall eat the good of the land," but it teaches to be temperate in all things. Proverbs 23:20, 21 says, "Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh; for the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty." The lust of the flesh causes us to miss many good spiritual feasts. We, like Esau, can easily sell our birthright for a mess of pottage. We find in Deuteronomy 21:20 that gluttons and drunkards were stoned to death, to put evil away from among them, that all Israel should hear and fear. This would cause God's children to hear and fear today if the Bible were read more in proving ourselves. Paul wrote to the saints at Philippi to follow him and mark them which walk so, as he was their example, for many walked as enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, *whose God is their belly*, and who mind earthly things. Oh, the bless-

so happy and make others happy if we put God first, others next, and ourselves last.

How many people, young and old, are discouraged and backslidden because we have failed to show our love. How many have left the Church before they received the blessings in store for them, because the members got together with a favorite group and did not make them feel at home. This happens much among the young people.

How many churches have gone on the rocks because of a jealous spirit in some of the members. Oh, how hearts suffer and break because jealousy has taken the place of love in a family or church? Until we have felt the effects of these things ourselves, we do not realize how we've failed others, so let's take stock of how we are showing our love to others.

God loves us with an everlasting love, and with loving-kindness He has drawn us unto Him. With love we draw others to Him. Satan could get advantage of us, but we are not ignorant of His devices. "Thou art inexcusable, O man."

Boastfulness is a besetting sin in the lives of many Christians today, and they do not even seem to be aware of it. A minister who boasts soon finds that he is not needed so much as he once was, even though God gives him wonderful messages when he does preach. Our influence can be killed by our own tongues. Proverbs 17:2 says, "Let another man praise thee; a stranger and not thine lips"; 25:27, "... for men to search their own glory is not glory." God help us to realize that our help comes from God and that others are as wise as we could ever be. A boastful spirit can also cause us to want to do all the talking and not enough listening. Let's try to remember

that others like to talk as well as to listen. We can certainly get a black eye, spiritually, by using the letter "I" too much. Many are getting or taking their rewards here and will have none coming when they get to the end of the way. God is due all the honor and glory, for without Him we can do nothing. An angel smote King Herod, and he was eaten of worms and gave up the ghost because he gave not God the glory. I like to hear ministers use the word "we," meaning the Father, Son, Holy Ghost, and I, when telling of their work for the Lord.

Let us pray more like David in Psalm 139:23, 24, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

LET US BE CAREFUL to forsake not the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, and so much more as we see the day approaching. Very small and weak excuses keep people away from places of worship, but big things do not hinder them from going to other places. No matter what kind of weather, how bad they feel, nor what hour they have to go to their work for the material things of life, they get there, and on time. The enemy tries to make it so hard for us to get to Sunday School by ten o'clock on Sunday morning, and we rush to get the house all in order for fear company comes. But we don't think anything about leaving things topsy-turvy to get to a sale downtown at a much earlier hour. If all Americans had patience to stand and wait in lines and crowds for the blessings of God as they do for the material things of life and to see a show, how blessed would our land be, with no fear of war or Communism.

Let us try harder to realize Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 5:9, 10, "Wherefore we labor that . . . we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body whether it be good or bad." "For if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" Yes, we can be partakers of His divine nature, and the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God. If it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

If you are a candidate for the baptism of the Holy Ghost, make a thorough examination of your heart and mind. An unforgiving, jealous, selfish, or hateful spirit of any kind will have to go before the Dove of Peace will come in. If the presence of someone else hinders you, that is probably the thing to which you will have to die out. Just a few minutes before I received my Baptism, Satan whispered to me, "Now So and So is here, and you can't praise the Lord before them and keep your mind on God enough to pray through to the Holy Ghost." I said, "Devil, I mean to have the blessing tonight, no matter what they say about me." Then I began to speak in tongues. A precious sister who is a minister said she just couldn't receive the blessing as long as her mother-in-law, who was an unbeliever, was with her, but she realized she would have to overcome that, and when she prayed through, her mother-in-law was looking on.

A MONG THE SEVEN things which are abomination unto God are hands that shed innocent blood, Proverbs 16:17-20. In Isaiah 1:15 God said, "I will hide mine eyes from you; yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear; your hands are full of blood, wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil. Your iniquities have

separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you that he will not hear, for your hands are defiled with blood." Did you present your body a living sacrifice to use for His glory and present to Him children that He can use for missionaries? or have you rebelled and shed innocent blood, and said, "We cannot afford a larger family," in order to buy material things of life, from which God never gets any glory. Many homes go on the rocks because God does not have His way. Many have suffered in body and died of cancer and other terrible diseases because the sacred laws of God were broken. We often hear people say, "It costs too much to have a large family." We limit God's resources. God owns the cattle of a thousand hills. He is able to perform that which He has promised, and if we are trusting Him, He will supply our every need. An elderly minister who had a large family once said, "God can take care of a large family as well as He can a small one." I've never known that family to be in need, and it produced three or four fine Church of God preachers. God alone knows how many souls have come to Him through the preaching and singing of this fine family. Too, there are families in sin that may be too large; they do not trust and obey God. Lust demons take hold of Christians and sinners and cause too much suffering, sin, and confusion. We are told, "In all thy ways acknowledge him (who has all power)."

If Mary, the mother of Jesus had been like some Christian mothers today, God could not have bestowed upon her the honor of presenting our Saviour to the world. Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith. All murderers are not behind prison bars, you know. Jesus said in Luke 12:2, "For there is nothing covered that shall not be known." Proverbs 28:13, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper." Job 34:21, "His eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his doings." God shall bring every work into judgment. Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. God said to Cain, "What hast thou done? Thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground." Turn to God. The blood of Christ will cover your sins.

"My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. If they say, Come with us, cast in thy lot among us: my son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path, for their feet run to evil."

Does your Christian life influence your sinner friends to partake of things spiritual and uplifting? or do you let their little no harm sins come into your life and sap your victory until you are blind to the truth, which tells us, "Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them."

Does an unsaved member of your family continually find excuses to keep the whole family from attending services until you have about given up in despair? Remember, prisons are full of men and women who became criminals and prostitutes because father or mother, who once knew God, had the backbone of a jellyfish and not enough of God's grit and grace to obey God rather than man, and gave up the fight and let the devil take over long ago.

God help us to earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints who had enough of the zeal of God that the Spirit of the Lord could lift up a standard against the devil when he came in like a flood, for he is walking about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour because he knows he has but a short time.

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THE FOURFOLD MINISTRY OF THE

It is not my purpose to discuss the doctrine of "the baptism of the Holy Ghost" in this article, but rather to set forth some facts concerning the ministry of the Holy Spirit which have been of untold blessing to me.

Part 1

JOHN THE BAPTIST, in a few terse sentences, gives us an insight into the twofold purpose of Jesus Christ on the earth. These are recorded for us by St. John (1:29-34): "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, WHICH TAKETH AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD. This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest unto Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is HE WHICH BAPTIZETH WITH THE HOLY GHOST. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God."

A careful reading of these verses reveals a number of important things, but to me the most significant is that Calvary is linked with Pentecost. God has forever joined these two, and let no man put them asunder. Calvary without Pentecost is formality, and Pentecost without Calvary is fanaticism. The ministry of the Holy Spirit is inseparably bound up with the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Spirit, in His gracious work of quickening, renewing, and sanctifying, has respect to Christ and His work. If the sinner is quickened by Him, he is "quickened together with Christ," Ephesians 2:4. If he is washed by Him (1 Corinthians 6:1), he is "washed from his sins in the blood of Christ," Revelation 1:5. If he has "a new spirit put within him," it is "the Spirit of God's Son sent forth into his heart," Galatians 4:6. If he is newly modeled as to his moral nature, it is after the moral image of Christ. If he is graciously constituted a new man, it is "in Christ Jesus," 2 Corinthians 5:17. And, finally, when his "vile body" is to be quickened and changed, it is to "be fashioned after the glorious body of the Son of God," Philippians 3:21.

Jesus Christ, during His ministry on earth, was careful to speak often concerning the work of the Holy Ghost, and teaches us that this should be the character of the Spirit's work, that it should, in the highest degree, "bear witness of him." A few references from St. John's Gospel will suffice to demonstrate this truth: "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify (bear witness) of me," John 15:26. "For he shall not speak of himself, but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak; and he will show you things to come. He will glorify me: for he shall receive

of mine, and shall shew it unto you," John 16:13, 14. "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you," John 14:26. "All things that the Father hath are mine; therefore said I that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you," John 16:15.

Notice these inspiring, illuminating, refreshing phrases: "teach you all things," "bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you," "he shall testify of me," "guide you into all truth," "he shall glorify me," "take of mine and shew it unto you."

It was the distinct promise of Jesus that if His regenerated followers waited in the upper room, the Holy Spirit would come to guide, to reveal, to teach, to endue, and to lead into all truth. Make no mistake. Without Him the truth that He alone can reveal will never be known. Without His presence and ability to explain, no mind can grasp the truth and no heart encompass the glory. Thus JESUS NOT ONLY TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD, BUT HE BAPTIZES WITH THE HOLY GHOST.

BRIEFLY, WHAT IS the baptism of the Holy Ghost? The term is scriptural, and, praise the Lord, so is the experience. It is recorded in the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles that on the day of Pentecost they were ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST AND BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES AS THE SPIRIT GAVE THEM UTTERANCE. THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST WAS THE COMING OF THE HOLY GHOST, the Third Person of the Trinity, into their regenerated hearts and lives. Being a person, He could speak, and speak He did. He used their vocal powers to express Himself in announcing His coming and the fact that He was there. They were baptized with the Holy Ghost, and that meant that they had received A PERSON, THE HOLY SPIRIT. I feel that I should EMPHASIZE this truth—they HAD RECEIVED A REAL PERSON. We must never make the mistake of placing the emphasis on the experience rather than on the Person. When we do, we cannot help but hinder the operation of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Experiences belong to yesterday. The Holy Ghost belongs to today and tomorrow. If the heart is open and the life dedicated, let me tell you that there are glories waiting to be revealed. Thank God for the experience and manifestations, but remember, after all, these manifestations are only incidental to the paramount reality. The Holy Ghost has come; the paraclete is given; the promise of Jesus is vindicated—baptized in the Holy Ghost, completely surrendered to Him, who can TEACH US ABOUT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

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HE IS THE SPIRIT OF REVELATION, GIVING US A KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS CHRIST

I WOULD PLACE this as the first of the fourfold ministry of the Holy Spirit. Regeneration places

THE HOLY SPIRIT

(In Three Parts)

By Glenn C. Pettyjohn

us "IN CHRIST" and gives us a place in the family of God and ACCESS TO "ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS." In fact, as far as the Father is concerned, "we are blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ," Ephesians 1:3. We are sons of God, "heirs of God and JOINT-HEIRS WITH CHRIST," Romans 8:17. Everything is in Christ. The scriptures are clear on this: "IN WHOM ARE HID ALL THE TREASURES OF WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE," Colossians 2:3. "That I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ," Ephesians 3:8. "Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's," 1 Corinthians 3:21-23. Believers are here and now sons of God. 1 John 3:1. Jesus said, "All that the Father hath are mine," John 16:15. THE SCRIPTURES UNQUALIFIEDLY TEACH THAT ALL THINGS ARE GIVEN TO THE BELIEVER IN CHRIST, but while they teach this, they also teach that it is the SOLE PREROGATIVE OF THE HOLY GHOST TO REVEAL WHAT THESE THINGS ARE. God has so fixed it, and wisely, that no carnal Christian, nor unregenerated man, can find these treasures in Christ. "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that LOVE HIM," 1 Corinthians 2:9. "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are FOOLISHNESS unto him; NEITHER CAN HE KNOW THEM, BECAUSE THEY ARE SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED," 1 Corinthians 2:14. "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost," 2 Corinthians 4:3.

Since the riches are unsearchable, hid in Christ, and no man can see them or know them, what benefit are they? Has God, the Father, provided riches that are unobtainable? Did Christ become poor that we, through His poverty, might be rich and then leave us without access to these riches? LET THE BIBLE GIVE US THE ANSWERS. John 16:7, "It is expedient for YOU that I go away: for if I go not away, THE COMFORTER WILL NOT COME UNTO YOU; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." John 16:14, "He shall glorify me; for he shall receive of mine and shall SHEW IT UNTO YOU. ALL THINGS THAT THE FATHER HATH ARE MINE: THEREFORE SAID I, That he SHALL TAKE OF MINE, AND SHALL SHEW IT UNTO YOU." What a powerful, all-inclusive declaration from the lips of Him who spoke with authority. Let us paraphrase this statement: Jesus says, "All that the Father hath is mine. When the Holy Ghost comes he will reveal to you what these riches are, that you may share with me as joint-heirs. I am going to Calvary, and through my death and resurrection I will gain for you complete victory over the devil, and open the door for you into the bank of heaven, wherein I will make all the riches of my Father available to you. You do not know what this great wealth is, but the Holy

Ghost does, and when he comes he will REVEAL IT TO YOU." Hallelujah!

PAUL REITERATES this identical truth in 1 Corinthians 2:10-12. We saw in verse 9, quoted above, that it is utterly impossible for man to see, or hear, or know the things God hath prepared for them that love Him. NOW NOTICE CAREFULLY VERSE 10: "But God HATH REVEALED THEM UNTO US (SPIRITUAL BELIEVERS) BY HIS SPIRIT; FOR THE SPIRIT SEARCHETH ALL THINGS, YEA. THE DEEP THINGS OF GOD. FOR WHAT man knoweth the things of man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the THINGS OF GOD KNOWETH NO MAN, BUT THE SPIRIT OF GOD. Now listen reverently as PAUL STATES THE PURPOSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: Verse 12, "NOW WE HAVE received not the spirit which is of the world, BUT THE SPIRIT WHICH IS OF GOD, THAT WE MIGHT KNOW THE THINGS THAT ARE FREELY GIVEN US OF GOD." What could be clearer? We have received the SPIRIT OF GOD THAT WE MIGHT KNOW the things that are freely given to us of God. The Spirit does this BY QUICKENING THE SCRIPTURES to our understanding, and baptizing our brains with the WORD. "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up FOR US ALL, how shall he not with him also FREELY GIVE US ALL THINGS?" Romans 8:32. BELIEVE ME, Christian! All things are freely given to us. THE HOLY GHOST waits to reveal these things to us, that in ALL THINGS WE MAY BE MORE THAN CONQUERORS. The Holy Ghost testifies of Jesus Christ through the Word. The Word is the Sword of the Spirit. Just a theoretical knowledge of the Word is not enough—it must be the Word quickened by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Paul, the apostle, in his letter to the church at Ephesus, offers a prayer which is a commentary on what I have stated. Remember that Paul wrote to people who had been saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and were members of the Church. With this in mind, study his prayer in Ephesians 1:15-23. I shall quote it in part: "Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: THE EYES OF YOUR UNDERSTANDING BEING ENLIGHTENED; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and WHAT IS THE RICHES OF THE GLORY OF HIS INHERITANCE IN THE SAINTS, and WHAT IS THE EXCEEDING GREATNESS OF HIS POWER TO USWARD WHO BELIEVE, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every NAME THAT IS NAMED, not only in this world but also in that which is to come: AND HATH PUT ALL THINGS UNDER HIS FEET, and gave him to be head over ALL THINGS TO THE CHURCH,

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GOD IS NOT PRETENDING

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shall be upon his shoulder." The prophecy speaks of a throne, inherited from David. To David Jehovah made the promise, and He swore unto him that the throne of his kingdom was to be established forever, and one from his seed was to have this throne. In our Lord, the Son of David according to the flesh, this oath-bound covenant will be kept, and He will come forth as King of Israel and rule as such, as well as King of kings and Lord of lords.

So, the Lord who rules heaven now will some day conquer and add the rebellious earth to His realm, and finish the mystery of sin by the conquest thereof on the scene of its long and evil record.

Truthfulness is a cornerstone of character, and if it be not firmly laid in you, there will ever after be a weak spot in the foundation.—Jackson Davis.

SPIRITUAL INVENTORY

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Messages have recently been interpreted, "My children, my children, my eyes are upon the Church, Redeem the time; my coming is sudden."

Again I say to all, "Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith, lest by any means ye should be a castaway, or a reprobate (rejected by the Lord). 1 Corinthians 10:31, "Whether therefore ye eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Can God get glory in your life, if your time and thoughts are spent reading or hearing comics, funnies, or stories? They are lies and Revelation 22:14, 15 teaches that he that loveth a lie will be without, or outside the gates of the city, with sorcerers, idolaters, whoremongers, and murderers. God hates lies, and if His Spirit abides in us, we shall hate them too.

Good thoughts, though God accept them, yet toward men are little better than good dreams except they be put in action.—Bacon.

THE FOURFOLD MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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WHICH IS HIS BODY, THE FULNESS OF HIM THAT FILLETH ALL IN ALL," Ephesians 1:16-23. Can our finite minds grasp this? Can we comprehend the incomprehensible? Can a teacup contain the ocean? Never! A thousand times no! But THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN. HE KNOWETH ALL THINGS. HE WAITS TO REVEAL THEM TO US AND TO ENLARGE OUR CAPACITY TO TAKE IN MORE AND MORE OF THE THINGS WHICH ARE OURS IN CHRIST. You can almost hear the deep longing of Paul's heart as it burst forth in this petition. How anxious he was that believers would DAILY GO ON AN EVER INCREASING KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS CHRIST. Be reminded that Paul's prayer for the church at Ephesus is a prayer for all believers. He knew there were riches untold in Christ and understood very definitely that they COULD ONLY COME BY REVELATION, AND revelation could only come to those WHO SURRENDERED UNRESERVEDLY TO THEIR LORD JESUS.

May we open our lives to the unfailing guidance of the Holy Spirit. God grant that we shall not allow prayerlessness, our work, people, devil or demons to keep us from COMMUNING WITH HIM WHO IS OUR ALL IN ALL. It

is not enough to be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, blessed as these experiences are. They can all be received in a matter of minutes. BUT JESUS CHRIST IS OF UNFOLDING BEAUTY. In Him is the rareness of the orchid, the fragrance of the rose, and the pureness of the lily. Salvation is not something to endure but SOMEONE TO ENJOY. YESTERDAY WAS WONDERFUL; TODAY IS BETTER; and TO-MORROW WILL BE THE BEST OF ALL. EVERY DAY WITH JESUS IS SWEETER THAN THE DAY BEFORE. The Holy Ghost is here now to testify to every surrendered heart about Jesus. He will give you a knowledge of Him. Open your Bibles, turn your heart upward; and the Holy Ghost will anoint your eyes, and you will KNOW THAT CHRIST IS YOUR LIFE, YOUR PEACE, YOUR JOY, YOUR VICTORY, OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, OUR STRENGTH, YOUR BURDEN-BEARER, YOUR HEALER, YOUR ALL IN ALL. You will see the eternal purpose of God breaking forth in the dateless past and reaching out into the endless future. Every day will be an apocalypse. Every hour we shall grow in grace and in knowledge. The written Word will become the living Word, and we shall understand the hidden mystery that only divine revelation can bring to light and understanding. Is it not wonderful, fellow soldiers of the cross, to have such a competent Guide who has come to open our eyes to our inheritance that we might be able to TAKE OUR SHARE OF ALL THAT BELONGS TO US? For without revelation there can be no realization, and without realization we are poor, indeed.

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Life itself can't give you joy
Unless you really will it.
Life just gives you time of space—
It's up to you to fill it.

—Anonymous.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

"An important help in the life of prayer is the habit of bringing everything to God, moment by moment, as it comes to us in life. This may be established as a habit on the principle on which all habits are formed, of repeated and constant attention, moment by moment, until that which is at first an act of will becomes spontaneous and second nature.

"If we will watch our lives we shall find that God meets the things that we commit to Him in prayer with special blessings, and often allows the best things that we have not committed to Him to be ineffectual, simply to remind us of our dependence upon Him for everything.

"It is very gracious and mindful of Him thus gently to compel us to remember Him and to hold us so close to Himself that we cannot get away even the length of a single minute from His all-sustaining arm. 'In every thing . . . let your requests be made known unto God.' (A. B. Simpson).

Man and Missions ...

By PAUL H. WALKER, Executive Missions Secretary



Reverend James L. Slay, one of our fine pastors, a former state overseer, former member of the Supreme Council, who has been serving in Africa in the capacity of evangelist throughout the churches of the Union of South Africa, returns to the United States to accept the pastorate at Greenville, South Carolina.

While Brother and Sister Slay and their two fine children were in Africa, they worked tirelessly in promoting the interest of the Church of God, which was conducive to a greater degree of fellowship among our brethren there. Brother Slay was greatly appreciated in his evangelistic work and Sister Slay worked tirelessly with the young people in behalf of the Sunday School interest. The people of South Africa hated to see them leave, and I am sure they have left behind many bosom friends.

Brother Slay had one more year to spend in Africa, according to the appointment, but due to the action of the Board and the Executive Committee, it was thought best that he accept the pastorate in Greenville, which is the largest church in the United States in the Church of God. His services being needed in this church, Brother Slay agreed to return and accept this pastorate. May God bless them as they continue their work for the Lord as pastor of the Church of God in Greenville, South Carolina.

MISSION DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE

The foreign Missions department has done its best to have proper representation in as many camp meetings and conventions throughout the na-

tion as possible.

We are herewith submitting the names of the conventions and the representatives from the Mission department that will be there to assist with the mission program and otherwise if desired.

Date	State	Representative	Place
June 27-July 5	Washington-Oregon	Wade H. Horton	Woodland, Washington
June 29-July 4	Virginia	Earl P. Paulk	Radford
June 29-July 5	Alabama	Paul H. Walker	Birmingham—campground
June 29-July 5	New Jersey	J. H. Walker, Sr.	Bridgeton
June 29-July 5	Michigan	Luke R. Summers	Sunfield—United Brethren Campground
June 29-July 5	Kentucky	C. E. French	Lexington—campground
June 29-July 5	South Carolina	Wade H. Horton	Mauldin—campground
June 30-July 9	N & S Dakota	Paul H. Walker	Minot, North Dakota
July 5-10	Alaska	Wade H. Horton	Charlotte—campground
July 6-12	North Carolina	C. E. French	Estevan—I. B. C.
July 7-12	Western Canada	Paul H. Walker	Bald Knob
July 13-19	Arkansas	Wade H. Horton	New York City
July 13-19	New York	Henry C. Stoppe	Cleveland
July 13-20	Tennessee	Paul H. Walker	Hattiesburg
July 14-19	Mississippi	A. M. Phillips	Appleton
July 2-26	Maine	Henry C. Stoppe	London
July 26-Aug. 2	C. Canada	Wade H. Horton	Hurlock
July 27-Aug. 2	Maryland	Paul H. Walker	Livingston
July 27-Aug. 2	Montana	Wade H. Horton	Benton—campground
July 27-Aug. 2	Illinois	D. A. Biggs	Somerset—campground
July 27-Aug. 6	Pennsylvania	Paul H. Walker	Arcadia
August 3-9	Missouri	Wade H. Horton	Grand Junction
August 3-9	Colorado	V. D. Hargrave	Alexandria
August 4-9	Louisiana	V. D. Hargrave	Ottumwa—Open Bible camp-ground
August 10-16	Iowa	Wade H. Horton	Roswell
August 11-16	New Mexico	V. D. Hargrave	Doraville—campground
August 17-23	Georgia	Earl P. Paulk	Lancaster-Methodist camp-ground
August 24-29	Ohio	Wade H. Horton	Indianapolis
August 25-29	Indiana	Paul H. Walker	

CHRISTIANS PERSECUTED

One of our fine missionaries reported to us today the following: "Along about Easter time in a small town near the capital, 300 religious fanatics marched on two gospel chapels armed with machetes, clubs, and stones. They smashed the chapel's furniture and about demolished the chapels, injuring 22 believers, 6 seriously, and killing the pastor outright."

"This is what seems to be a new movement from the Catholics, called the Catechists. They are bitter against the gospel and, no doubt, are carrying out orders from their leaders. We are classed by them as Communists, as their pretext for assault."

"On the other hand, we are classed in the Capitalist bracket by some, yet I hurry to say we have more liberty than we have ever had of late to spread the blessed message of the gospel before our Lord comes and we know not how long we will have this privilege."

"In a certain institution, one of the head ladies told me a little over a month ago, 'We are living with our suitcases packed. We never know when we will get orders to move.'"

Please continue to pray for our missionaries.

We appreciate the cooperation that has been given us by the State Overseers who have written kindly letters to the office stating their gratitude in having this representative and we say thanks a lot and may God bless you.

GREETINGS FROM GERMANY

By Bobbie Lauster

We stepped into the foyer of our lovely new church in Denkendorf on Sunday afternoon, March 28, and stood there entranced by its utter beauty. We let our eyes travel over it and absorb every detail: the polished tile floor; the soft concealed lighting; the pale green plastered walls; the ceiling finished in natural wood tones and matching pews. To us it seemed perfection.

The congregation started filling the church to capacity. A bus had been chartered from one of the churches, while other visitors came by train, car, bike, motorcycle, or on foot. We estimated two hundred seventy-five.

God's glory filled the building and we worshipped Him with full and thankful hearts for another new church for the Church of God in Germany.

Brother Lauster preached a blessed dedicatory message. As he preached, his eyes seemed to embrace the building and the people and tenderly caress them as a mother does her favorite child. We who know him best and love him dearest know that the Church of God in Germany is his child. We know that it was he who descended into the valley of death to travail and bear this child. No wonder he loves it and that it loves him! Each new member, new church, and new accomplishment is watched carefully and rejoiced over as a child who learns and grows.

We recalled the many offerings brought together there: the offering from one of our youth conventions; the sawing of all the lumber by one of our members; the laying of the tile; the plaster work; the days of labor donated and the sweating and toiling of the preachers who dug the foundation. At last we were seeing the result of it all in this beautiful temple of worship.

At the close of the service we told each other "good-bye," promising, "I'll see you next week end in Krehwinkel at the youth convention."

What your camp meetings and General Assemblies are to you, our youth conventions in Krehwinkel are to us. We look forward to them and almost count the days from one to the next.

Easter week end finally came and everyone who could started traveling toward Krehwinkel. It seemed that the people would never quit coming. The services were visited by approximately six hundred people.

You've read descriptions of great meetings, but it seems in Germany, where the Church has cost such a price, that God is nearer and His blessings richer and dearer.

To our hungry, seeking people it seemed that eating sausage and soup for three days and sleeping in the straw at night was pure delight.

Each service seemed to go up in a blaze of glory and between the services there was time for visiting. You saw little groups everywhere. One would be playing instruments and singing, another would be sitting in the grass snacking and talking.

As a child you perhaps often put a

piece of candy in your mouth and sucked it slowly, trying to make it last a long, long time. Well, we all left with a piece of candy in our mouths from the great blessings and we will try to make it last until we return.

DISLOYALTY TO THE TEACHINGS OF THE LORD

G. Campbell Morgan

"Apostasy is not finally intellectual; it is volitional; but it is closely united with the intellectual. It may be very difficult for us to say whether apostasy from Christ, the denial of faith, the turning of the back upon the Lord Himself, begins with intellectual doubt, or moral declension. If I were asked personally for an opinion—which I shall give only as a personal opinion—I should be inclined to say that the very order in which Jude has stated it, is a revelation of the order in which it happened.

"First some moral declension, some disobedience to the Lord Himself, some turning of the grace of God into lasciviousness, the outcome of which is some denial of the Lord and Master Himself. My own conviction is that heresy within the Church is almost invariably the outcome of disloyalty to the teaching of the Lord at some point in the life. When a man turns the grace of God into lasciviousness, when he consents to act upon the idea that because he stands in grace, therefore his conduct is of very little moment, he is apostatizing. That is the most terrible of all apostasies.

"There have been periods when that apostasy has been formulated into a definite doctrine; the antinomian heresy declared that because a man is in Christ he cannot be lost, and therefore it matters little what his conduct

may be, because nothing he can do can sever as between Christ and himself. That is apostasy in its worst form. No man can hold that doctrine without denying the Lord and Master. That is to deny everything, for which he stood; to deny the real meaning and purpose of His dying, to deny the whole purpose of His heart, as He came to destroy the works of the Devil, in order to make possible to man a life of purity, to save man not merely from the punishment of sin, but from sin itself.

"To continue in sin that grace may abound is to deny the perfection of His person; the passion of His heart that bore Him through the Cross; and His purpose for the establishment of the Kingdom of God in righteousness and holiness through the whole world."

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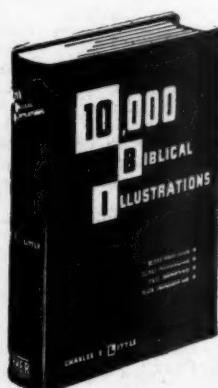
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JAPAN LOOKING TOWARD WORLD CONGRESS ON EVANGELISM

AOMORI CITY, Japan (EP) Christian workers in Japan are eagerly anticipating the coming Youth for Christ World Congress on Evangelism to be held in Tokyo during August, according to missionary Kenny Joseph who is traveling in rural evangelism in the north of Japan. Joseph is a missionary of the Evangelical Alliance Mission on loan to YFC and is traveling with a Japanese pastor, Mr. Kanai, in a large mobile trailer truck outfit, ministering in small towns and villages with splendid results. Everywhere he finds Christian workers gearing their evangelistic plans into the forthcoming evangelism drive which is to follow the Congress throughout the islands of Japan. He declares, "The Sixth World Congress on Evangelism may be the unifying element that can bring the true Church of Christ in Japan together on a platform of revival, soulwinning, and unity without spiritual compromise." Joseph states there are over 240 different sects, groups, and split in the Christian ranks in Japan.

PROTESTANT MINISTERS DISAPPEARING IN EAST GERMANY

NEW YORK (EP) Evangelical clergymen are "disappearing" in the Soviet Zone of Germany in much larger numbers than reported by any press agency, according to Dr. John A. Scherzer, secretary of the National Lutheran Council's Desk of European Affairs, here in New York. According to Scherzer, "suddenly they are not to be found, and no information as to their whereabouts is to be obtained. The Soviet Zone police hide behind the claim of total ignorance, and intimate that the clergymen may have joined the flow of refugees escaping to the West."

WARNING OF "BIBLE RACKET"

(EP) Many Christians in this country are being solicited by letters from South African natives, asking for copies of the Bible. The Sudan Interior Mission has warned that many times the Bible paper is used for rolling cigarettes. The Alliance Weekly tells of another racket—a growing tribe of self-proclaimed "prophets" who adopt some of the Bible names, wear flowing robes, and carry Bibles. They are finding their prophetic role quite profitable. When occasion demands, they can also serve as witch doctors with a quick change of dress.

RECORD DEMAND FOR BIBLES IN WORLD

NEW YORK (EP) The demand for Bibles is the greatest in world history and far outstrips the supply, the American Bible Society was told at its 137th annual meeting here. "Never be-

fore has there been such a demand for this message of life," said Dr. Eugene A. Nida, the Bible Society's secretary for translations. He has just returned from a 15-month round-the-world trip, during which he visited 30 countries on five continents and assisted with dozens of new translations and revisions of existing editions.

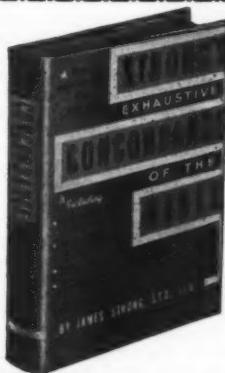
"Not only is there a demand for more Bibles, but for more easily understood ones," Dr. Nida said, adding that "there are more revisions of the Bible going on now than at any other time in the history of Christendom." He revealed that some part of the Bible has not been translated into languages that 90 per cent of the world's population can understand. Dr. Nida said that besides the new Revised Version of the Bible, issued last year by the National Council of Churches and which has sold more than 1,500,000 copies, three additional Protestant versions are under way. He did not disclose what these versions were. Revisions also are under way for Bibles in Japanese, Tagalog, Cebuano, Marshallese, Indonesian, Thai, Hindustani, Urdu, Zulu, Chiluba, Bulu, Hausa, Brazilian Portuguese and Spanish, Dr. Nida reported.

At the meeting here, the Society was presented with the first translation of the New Testament into the language of the Navajo Indians. The Navajo language, regarded as one of the most complicated in the world, was first reduced to writing by Bible translators in 1910. The New Testament translation has been in preparation since then. Mrs. Karl Dalton, a Navajo, who is a member of the Presbyterian Ganado Mission in Ganado, Ariz., flew here with a hand-bound copy and formally presented it to Dr. Nida. It will be published by the American Bible Society in the new orthography required by the U. S. Government.

It was announced that the American Bible Society has distributed 435,792,985 volumes of Scriptures since its organization in 1816.

WOULD SELL LIQUOR TO MINORS
TALLAHASSEE, Florida (EP) A bill to permit minors of the armed services to buy and consume liquor was intro-

duced recently in the Florida legislature. The measure is sponsored by Rep. A. Morley Darbey who asserted that youth old enough to fight is old enough to drink, if he chooses. The bill would legalize the sale of liquor to persons 18-21 on active duty with any branch of the armed services. The law as it stands now prohibits sale of alcoholic beverages to anyone under legal age. Proof of age and connection with the armed forces would be established by showing an identification card, which all servicemen are required to carry.



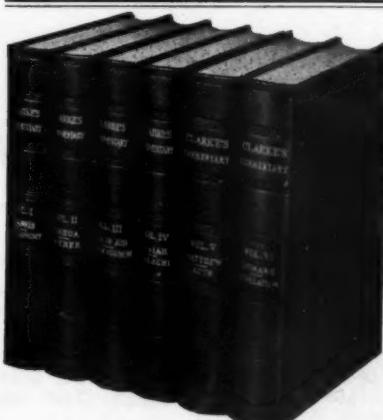
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REPORTS

EASTERN NORTH CAMP MEETING

We are happy to report a wonderful camp meeting in Eastern North Carolina. The camp site was located on Highway 32, between Plymouth and Edenton, N. C. The Washington District rented the grounds for the meeting to promote the work in this section. I believe all agree that it was certainly a wonderful blessing in many ways. Rev. C. G. Ray, of Charlotte, N. C., was the night speaker. He preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, and we were surely moved by old-time Bible-holiness preaching. Souls were saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Nineteen were baptized in water and 10 added to the church. Forty-seven testified to receiving definite experiences from the Lord. The Reverend S. A. Luke, state youth director, was with us, and his message was greatly appreciated. Also, the Rev. A. V. Childers, district pastor of the Rocky Mount District, brought a wonderful message. The Holy Ghost took charge, and saints danced and shouted under the mighty power of God. The altar was filled. God is blessing us here on the Washington District. We have organized 2 new churches since the Assembly, and the end is not yet. The harvest is ripe, and the laborers are few. Pray that God will send forth laborers into the harvest.—Roy Ray, District Pastor.

URBANA, Ill.—The Church of God in Urbana is moving forward. It has prospered under the leadership of Rev. N. A. Jordan, with a substantial increase in membership as well as finances. The parsonage has been improved with new insul siding, windows for front porch, new concrete back porch, completely redecorated inside, and new living room furniture. A beautiful corner lot was purchased recently, on which to erect a new church. Brother Jordan has felt a definite call to evangelistic work and will be leaving for that field after June 14. We regret to see him leave, yet there is nothing better than being in the Lord's will. We wish him Godspeed and many souls for his labor.—L. E. Robertson, Clerk.

The Sixth Annual Convention for Pentecostal Fellowship of North America will be held at the Armory in Charlotte, North Carolina, October 27-29, and the Charlotte Hotel will be the official headquarters. The Board of Administration urges all members and interested groups, or individuals, to plan now to attend this important

convention. The prayers of all the Pentecostal brethren are solicited that the convention may enjoy a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The principal speakers at the convention will be Rev. J. A. Cross, state overseer for South Carolina, Church of God; Rev. James Van Meter, district superintendent of Ohio for the Assemblies of God; Rev. W. E. McAllister, General Superintendent, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada; Rev. Clayton Lawson, of the Church of God Mountain Assembly; and Rev. Dr. H. P. Courtney, of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, who is the current chairman of the North American Pentecostal Fellowship.

CORRECTION

The Louisiana State convention will be at West Monroe, La., in the Crosley High School auditorium, 500 Natchitoches Street. The first service will begin August 4, at 7:30 p.m. The convention will continue through the 9th.—Y. W. Kidd, State Overseer.

COVINGTON, La.—We were truly glad to have the Lee College Mission Club to visit with us at the Shepherd's Fold Church of God. Sister Swiger had charge of the service. Sister Dorcas Sharp was with the band, and everyone was glad to see her back home. Brother Leatherwood, Brother Ayers, and Brother Nettles dismissed their services Sunday night so their people could be here. Everyone was blessed in a great way toward missions. The people enjoyed the speaker's messages, and the singing was a blessing to all. Brother A. J. Phillips, of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, brought the Club on his church bus. We surely appreciate Brother Phillips for lending a helping hand. We hope the Bogalusa District will be able to build a church in one of the mission fields. Our thanks to Sister Swiger and all the Mission Club for coming to the Shepherd's Fold Church.—C. W. Kendall, Pastor.

In Memoriam

HARNE

Sister Katie Estella Harne, one of the finest mothers, passed away June 3, 1953. Not only was Sister Harne a good mother, but she was also one of the best members that the Mt. Pleasant Church of God ever had. She was a teacher of the Sunday School for a number of years before she became ill, and one that always loved to work in the church, especially the Sunday School. I am sure she can say with the apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day." The folks that knew this wonderful Christian, I am sure, will never forget her.—Darcy L. Abbott, Pastor.

PALMER

Ernest William Palmer, born April 27, 1895, passed away May 28, 1953. He is survived by his wife, Gertrude Ward Palmer, and 7 children, 3 girls and 4 boys, and 11 grandchildren. Pray for us.—Mrs. Gertrude Palmer.

MORGAN

Mrs. Amanda Jane Morgan, born December 10, 1900, passed away May 12, 1953, at her home in Hayesville, N. C. She is survived by her husband, Ray M. Morgan, one daughter, 5 sons, 3 grandchildren, 3 brothers, 2 sisters, and a host of relatives and friends. She was a member of the Church of God for 25 years and was active up until she became confined to her bed 12 years ago. She is missed in her home, but we are sure heaven is brighter since her passing.—Doyle Coker, Clerk.

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Nancy Voiles, a licensed minister of the Church of God, died May 31, 1953.

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REVIVALS

ATLANTA, Ga.—We, at the West Side Church of God in Atlanta, are proud to report a good revival just closed, with Brother I. M. Conn, the pastor at Furniture City, and Brother Smith helping him. It was the best revival in the history of our church. The church was revived. An accurate record wasn't kept, but as best we know, about 23 were saved, 21 sanctified, and 18 filled with the Holy Ghost. Each night the Lord met with us in a wonderful but different way. Bro. E. C. Robbins is our pastor here and we thank the Lord for him. Our Sunday School attendance has doubled since the revival, also the tithes, and 6 have already joined the church and 9 have been baptized in water. Pray and believe with us that our church will continue to grow.—Mary Smith, Reporter.

ANDREWS, N. C.—We truly thank and praise God for the glorious 2 weeks' revival recently held at the Andrews Church of God, with Rev. J. W. Adkins as the evangelist. God blessed in a wonderful and glorious way. There were 13 saved, 14 sanctified, 11 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 4 baptized in water, and 7 added to the church (all adults). Our revival closed with the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The house was full, with people outside unable to get seats. We thank God for the good attendance.

We certainly appreciate Brother and Sister Adkins and the wonderful work they are doing. They would be a blessing to any church. Our church is moving forward under the leadership of our good pastor and his dear wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Tarpley. They surely have been a blessing to the Andrews Church.—Mrs. Roy Minor, Reporter.

HATTIESBURG, Miss.—We praise God for the good revival in progress at the Petal Church of God. Seven have received the Holy Ghost. Brother Robert White is the evangelist. God has really blessed this work at Petal. It was organized in January with 18 members. Now we have 22. We all love our good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Earl Brewer. They are working hard to make the church grow.—Elmer Walters, Sunday School Superintendent.

PHOENIX, Ariz.—We, of the 44th Street Church of God, have enjoyed an outstanding revival which lasted 12 nights, with Rev. Eugene W. Dowdle as the evangelist. Brother Dowdle and an independent church which he had built and was pastoring joined our church recently. He has an out-

standing ministry and would be a great blessing to any church. In the 12 nights there were 8 saved, 16 sanctified, 18 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 15 added to the church. Everyone was greatly blessed, and the church was stirred.—Hurschel L. Diffie, Pastor.

FURNITURE CITY, Ga.—We praise God for an old-fashioned tent revival here, with Brother Clay Cantrell and Brother C. M. Maxwell doing the preaching. There were 11 saved, 5 sanctified, 6 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 5 baptized in water, and 6 added to the church. The entire community was blessed. Pray for us.—G. W. Fowler, Reporter.

PETAL, Miss.—The 3 weeks' revival at Petal, Miss., came to a close May 30. Brother Robert White, the evangelist, really did stir our hearts, and we were greatly blessed. Six were saved, 4 sanctified, and 5 baptized with the Holy Ghost.—W. A. Touchstone, Clerk.

DOYLE, Tenn.—The Haston Chapel Church of God has just had a 4 weeks'

revival, with Brother and Sister Woodroe Morgan as the evangelist. Brother Morgan did some wonderful preaching, with 40 saved, 35 sanctified, and 21 filled with the Holy Ghost.—James L. Brock, Clerk.

CLAYTON, Ga.—What has been thought impossible has happened! The Lord has poured out His blessings in a marvelous way at the Church of God in Clayton, Ga. There were 71 saved, 41 sanctified, 26 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 25 added to the church, and 23 baptized in water. This glorious revival lasted 6 short weeks, with Rev. John Henry Cobb as the evangelist. He preached with the anointing and demonstration of the Holy Spirit, which brought conviction to the people. Scores of sick people have been healed, demons cast out, and the works of Satan revealed. The church was crowded to capacity. The Sunday School and Y. P. E. won the district and fellowship banners. Praise God for His unsearchable riches. Brother Cobb is greatly appreciated by the pastor and laity.—Clifford Emmett, pastor.



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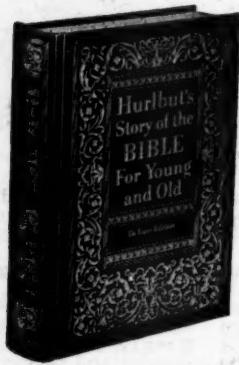
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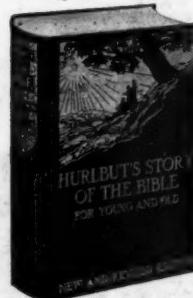
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